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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing device, comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting user registration data necessary to secure a user's exclusive storage area in a server connected in a network, to said server over a network;

receiving means for receiving address data defined, in part, by the user registration data, the address designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area over said network and for receiving one or more automatic upload programs;

wherein each of said automatic upload programs is programmed to connect to a unique part of said exclusive storage area;

connection means for allowing each of said automatic upload programs to perform connection processing automatically to said access point in the said server via actuation of a corresponding upload icon; and

transfer means for writing a data file to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed and for transferring a control file used for controlling access by another user to the data file.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said connection means is to perform connection processing to said access point in said server in response to a click operation on an exclusive icon which is displayed on a given display unit for driving said automatic upload program.

Claim 5 (Original): The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said address data is a uniform resource locator (URL) for designating resources on said network.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A server connection method, comprising:  
transmitting user registration data necessary to secure a user's exclusive storage area in a server connected in a network, to said server over the network;  
receiving address data defined, in part, by the user registration data, the address designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area from said server over said network;  
performing connection processing automatically to said access point in the said server via actuation of a corresponding upload icon based on said address data received by said receiving means;  
writing a data file to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed; and  
transferring a control file used for controlling access by another user to the data file.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The server connection method according to Claim 6, wherein

said connection step is to perform connection processing to said access point in said server responding to a click operation on an exclusive icon which is displayed on a given display unit for driving said automatic upload program.

Claim 10 (Original): The server connection method according to Claim 6, wherein said address data is a uniform resource locator (URL) for designating resources over said network.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium adapted to store program steps for an information processing device, the program steps comprising:

transmitting user registration data necessary to secure a user's exclusive storage area in a server connected in a network, to said server over the network;

receiving address data defined, in part, by the user registration data, the address designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area from said server over said network and of receiving one or more automatic upload programs,

wherein each of said automatic upload programs is programmed to connect to a unique part of said exclusive storage area;

allowing each of said automatic upload programs to perform connection processing automatically via actuation of a corresponding upload icon to said access point in the said server;

writing a data file to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed; and

transferring a control file used for controlling access by another user to the data file.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The server connection method according to Claim 12, wherein

said connection step is to perform connection processing to said access point in said server responding to a click operation on an exclusive icon which is displayed on a given display unit for driving said automatic upload program.

Claim 15 (Original): The program storage medium according to Claim 12, wherein said address data is a uniform resource locator (URL) for designating resources on said network.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A network system consisting of a server and an information processing device to connect to said server over a network, comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting user registration data necessary to secure a user's exclusive storage area in said server, to said server over said network;

receiving means for receiving address data defined, in part, by the user registration data, the address designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area from said server over said network and for receiving one or more automatic upload programs,

wherein each of said automatic upload programs is programmed to connect to a unique part of said exclusive storage area;

connection means for allowing each of said automatic upload programs to perform connection processing automatically via actuation of a corresponding upload icon to said access point in the said server; and

transfer means for writing a data file to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed and for transferring a control file used for controlling access by another user to the data file.

Claims 17-18 (Canceled);.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The network system according to Claim 16, wherein

said connection means is to perform connection processing to said access point in said server responding to a click operation on an exclusive icon which is displayed on a given display unit for driving said automatic upload program.

Claim 20 (Original): The network system according to Claim 16, wherein said address data is a uniform resource locator (URL) for designating resources on said network.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The network system according to Claim 16, wherein the data file is a movie file and the control file comprises at least one of a time and date for scheduling access to the media file.